

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Gary MacLaren, on February 3, 2011 at 3:10 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

Roll Call

Members Present:

Rep. Michael (Mike) More, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Kris Hansen (R)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. James Knox (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gary MacLaren, Chair (R), Rep. Liz Bangerter (R),
Rep. Michele Reinhart, Vice Chair (D), Rep. Tom Berry (R),
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch
Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 263, 1/27/2011; HB 348, 1/27/2011
Executive Action: HB 150, HB 181, HB 231

HEARING ON HB 263

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:38 Rep. Gordon Vance (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 263, Revise county water and sewer district assessment law.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:07 Susan Swimley

00:03:08 Rep Stahl joined meeting

00:06:16 Michael Harris, Gallatin County Commissioners

EXHIBIT(loh27a01)

00:07:07 Valerie Gravage, Four Corners Water and Sewer

00:08:05 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems

EXHIBIT(loh27a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:02 Cindy Swank

Informational Testimony: None

00:10:23 Reinhart joined meeting

00:10:41 Meeting stopped for technical difficulties

00:16:19 Back in session

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:44 Susan Swimley

00:18:46 Rep. MacLaren joined meeting

00:20:25 Rep. Barrett

00:21:34 Susan Swimley

00:22:24 Rep. Barrett

00:22:49 Susan Swimley

00:23:22 Rep. Barrett

00:23:41 Susan Swimley

00:24:24 Rep. Barrett

00:24:38 Susan Swimley

00:25:26 Rep. Reinhart

00:25:49 Susan Swimley

00:26:00 Rep. Reinhart

00:26:14 Susan Swimley

00:26:47 Rep. Reinhart

00:26:52 Susan Swimley

00:27:29 Rep. Stahl

00:27:52 Mike Harris

00:28:30 Rep. Stahl

00:29:02 Harold Blattie, MACo, went on record as a proponent.

00:30:29 Rep. Rosendale

00:30:53 Susan Swimley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:13 Rep Vance closed.

HEARING ON HB 348

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:50 Rep. Sue Malek (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 348, Revise outdated reference for interest rates and provide alternate.

EXHIBIT(loh27a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:17 Harold Blattie, MACo

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:17 Rep. Malek

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 150

00:40:48 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 150 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:41:57 Helen Thigpen

00:42:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 150 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(loh27a04)

00:42:44 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 150 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(loh27a05)

Discussion:

00:42:57 Rep. Barrett

00:45:13 Rep. O'Neil

00:46:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-4 by voice vote with Rep. Barrett, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Stahl and Rep. Swanson voting no. Rep. Bangerter was excused.

00:47:20 **Motion:** Rep. More moved that **HB 150 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:47:26 Rep. Vance

00:48:34 Rep. Malek

00:49:04 Rep. Barrett

00:50:01 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote for those present and voting. Rep. Bangerter was excused.

00:50:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Bennett moved that **HB 150 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote for those present and voting. Rep. Bangerter was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 231

00:50:48 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 231 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:51:00 Rep. Knox
00:51:35 Rep. Barrett
00:51:59 Rep. Greef
00:51:59 Bangerter join meeting
00:52:56 Rep. Moore
00:54:04 Rep. Stahl
00:55:49 Rep. Malek
00:57:42 Rep. Hansen
00:59:06 Rep. McNally
01:00:06 Rep. Knox
01:01:39 Rep. Vance
01:01:55 Rep. Malek

01:02:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Barrett, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Malek, Rep. McNally, Rep. Reinhart and Rep. Swanson voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 181

01:03:45 Helen Thigpen

01:05:40 **Motion:** Rep. More moved that **HB 181 DO PASS**.

01:05:48 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 181 BE AMENDED**.
[**EXHIBIT\(lah27a06\)**](#)

Discussion:

01:06:00 Rep. Reinhart
01:09:28 Rep. Knox
01:10:00 Rep. Reinhart
01:11:24 Rep. Bennett
01:12:37 Rep. Moore
01:12:54 Rep. Reinhart
01:14:16 Rep. MacLaren
01:14:31 Rep. Reinhart
01:15:00 Rep. MacLaren
01:15:16 Rep. Hansen
01:15:42 Rep. Reinhart
01:17:00 Rep. O'Neil
01:17:21 Rep. MacLaren
01:17:32 Rep. Stahl
01:18:29 Rep. Rosendale

01:19:27 Rep. MacLaren

01:19:34 Rep. Reinhart

01:20:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Barrett, Rep. Bennett, Rep. O'Neil, Rep. Rosendale and Rep. Vance voting no.

01:21:42 **Motion:** Rep. More moved that **HB 181 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:21:53 Rep. Rosendale

01:23:20 Rep. Moore

01:23:52 Rep. MacLaren

01:23:54 Rep. Reinhart

01:25:43 Rep. Barrett

01:26:36 Rep. Moore

01:27:32 Rep. Bennett

01:28:09 Rep. Rosendale

01:28:36 Rep. Reinhart

01:28:41 Rep. Rosendale

01:29:38 Rep. Reinhart

01:30:10 Rep. Rosendale

01:30:35 Rep. Reinhart

01:30:45 Rep. Stahl

01:31:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Knox, Rep. O'Neil, Rep. Rosendale, Rep. Skees and Rep. Vance voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:33:13

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([loh27aad.pdf](#))